impart to the whole an airy aspect which is quite alluring. Messrs. Henderson were favoured with seeds in 1837 by Captain Mangles, R.N.; and the plant which flowered in their greenhouse furnished the subject of the present plate. We have reason to believe that it had not before blossomed in Britain.

The ordinary culture of greenhouse plants would seem in all respects suitable. It should be potted in fresh loam, taken from the surface of pasture-land, and exposed to the weather for a year previous to its employment. A trifling addition of silver sand may likewise be desirable. Care should be taken to water it when a necessity for liquid nutriment really exists, and not at any stated periods. Very large pots must be avoided, in order to stimulate the flowers to develop themselves earlier in the season.

Prepared cuttings strike with tolerable readiness, if not subjected to too much moisture, which is apt to produce mouldiness and decay. Seeds are, however, sparingly ripened, and they will assuredly be more numerous when the plant is brought into flower a month sooner. They should be sown, immediately after maturation, on a gentle hotbed, and the seedlings potted directly the first leaves are perfected.

We have reason to expect that many valuable hybrids will result from the cross impregnation of this species with some of the larger-flowering kinds. The practice has now been carried to such a great extent, that so admirable an opportunity as the present subject affords of improving the varieties now in cultivation, will certainly not be disregarded by hybridists.

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